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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN/SFCP-GRANT FR5-46228-AGNICAYANA PROJECT

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1. STAAL AND GARDNER AGNICAYANA RITUAL FILM IS UNEDITED VERSION, 20 HOURS LONG, WITH SOUND STILL ON SEPARATE TAPES. TO BE OF GENERAL USE TO INDIANS, FILM WILL HAVE TO BE EDITED AND SOUND TRANSFERRED TO FILM. IN PRESENT VERSION, WE ALSO HAVE PROBLEMS WITH CUSTOMS AND CENSORS.

2. RECOMMEND THAT STAAL AND GARDNER TAKE FILM AND TAPES OUT OF INDIA WITH THEM, AS AIR FREIGHT, AND PRODUCE FINAL VERSION OF FILM IN US. PRINT CAN THEN BE HANDED OVER TO INDIAN EMBASSY FOR FORWARDING TO INDIA.

3. SMITHSONIAN GRANT FOR THIS PROJECT IS EXHAUSTED. WILL INSTITUTE THEREFORE (A) SUPPLEMENT GRANT BY ESTIMATED DOLS650 TO COVER COST OF RETURN FILM AIR FREIGHT AND (B) ADD FUNDS TO SHIP BACK SIEMENS MOVIE PROJECTOR.

4. PROMPT ANSWER APPRECIATED AS WE HAVE FILM OUT OF CUSTOMS ON BOND FOR SHORT PERIOD, AND STAAL AND GARDNER DEPART SEPTEMBER 11.
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